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CRIME REPORT

ORGANIZED TERRITORY:

CITY OF KAMLOOPS

RE: REX VS. PAUL, Basil Paul-----Murder--Sec.239 C.C.

1. On Saturday night, March 15th, 1941 at 9:45 a complaint was received at this office from Mrs. D.L. Regan of 146 Seymour St., west in the City of Kamloops, to the effect that a drunken party was going on in the building situated at 154 Seymour St., west, and wished the police to investigate.

2. The call was answered by Consts. Heatley and King then on city patrol. The officers proceeded at once to the address given and upon arriving they were proceeding to room no. four in the building. As they passed room no. one the door leading off the porch was open. Looking in at the open door they saw the body of a man lying in a large pool of blood. Upon further examination it was discovered that the man had a large wound on the head just above the forehead. Const. Heatley remained at the scene while Const. King proceeded to the nearest phone and notified the O.C. "C" Division, Inspector Barber and Corporal Kirkup i-c Kamloops City. At the same time calling the Coroner, Dr. C.J.M. Willoughby acting for the coroner responded for the call. The man was pronounced dead and the body removed to morgue.

3. Proceeding to room no. four where it was found that five old men had gathered in the room occupied by one Ole Hasser. The other occupants were Edward Johnson, Axel Anderson; William Sargent and William Orlow. The men had been drinking but upon being questioned by Inspector Barber and Const. Heatley it was learned that some time earlier in the evening, an Indian had walked into the room and demanded a drink. Johnson had put him out and closed the door. However he forced his way in on several occasions and had been put out each time. He then left and was away some minutes, when he returned he broke the door open and came into the room carrying an ax. Johnson again jumped on him and took the ax away. He put him out and a scuffle took place on the porch. The Indian at this time had taken off his coat. He broke away from Johnson and ran. Johnson then returned to the room. Through questioning it was established that the Indian was about 5' 7" medium weight, wearing a dark coat and trousers and a light colored shirt. Four of the men were brought to the gaol and held as material witnesses the other Ole Hasser, being the occupant of the room was allowed to remain in his room.

4. Arriving at the City Office every available officer was called out and assistance was also received from Inspector Robertson and his men. Instructions were given to comb the city and all known dives. At about 1:00 A.M. on the 16th, an Indian answering the description was picked up hiding in an old auto body between Victoria St and the C.P.R. tracks, about 200 yards from the scene, by Const. R. Sims and Const. R. Lees. He was brought to the office placed under arrest. At the time he appeared to be intoxicated. His clothing being removed and marked by Const. Lees and myself for identification.

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